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SUBJECT: HIRIART SHOOTING

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION INTO THE SHOOTING MEXICAN FEDERAL DEPUTY UMBERTO HIRIART URDANIDIA. FBI HEADQUARTERS HERE IS POUCHING THE FULL REPORT TO THE LEGATT.

2. BEGIN SUMMARY:

IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MARCH 24, 1972, THE NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED TO THE RESIDENCE OF OLIVIA BENNETT. SHE ADVISED THE POLICE THAT SOMEONE HAD ATTEMPTED TO ENTER HER APARTMENT AND THAT SHE HAD SHOT THROUGH THE DOOR WOUNDING THE PERSON ON THE OTHER SIDE, HIRIART.

3. NEW ORLEANS POLICE INTERVIEWED HIRIART IN HIS HOSPITAL ROOM MARCH 27. HIRIART SAID THAT HE, THE MEXICAN CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW ORLEANS, AND ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE MEXICAN DELEGATION DINED IN THE FRENCH QUARTER MARCH 23. DURING AN AFTER DINNER STROLL HE BECAME SEPARATED FROM
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HIS COMPANIONS AND THE NEXT THING HE KNEW WAS WHEN HE WOKE UP IN THE NEW ORLEANS HOSPITAL. IN A SECOND INTERVIEW WITH POLICE ON MARCH 28 HIRIART SAID HE REMEMBERED BEING STRUCK OVER THE HEAD BUT COULD NOT RECALL ANYTHING MORE.

4. THE POLICE ALSO INTERVIEWED THE CONSUL GENERAL WHO SAID THAT THE GROUP OF THREE RETURNED FROM DINNER DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL WHERE THE DELEGATION WAS STAYING. HIRIART SAID HE WAS FATIGUED AND STAYED IN THE VEHICLE WHILE THE OTHERS CARRIED IN BAGGAGE. WHEN THEY RETURNED TO THE CAR ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER HIRIART WAS NOT THERE.

5. HIRIART SAID HE WAS MISSING 800 - 900 DOLLARS, HIS PASSPORT, A ROUNDTRIP AIR TICKET BETWEEN MEXICO CITY AND WASHINGTON, D. C., A SUIT COAT AND A PAIR OF BLACK SHOES.

6. OLIVIA BENNETT IS NEGRO AND RESIDES IN A PREDOMINANTLY BLACK NEIGHBORHOOD. SHE HAS NO RECORD OF PREVIOUS ARRESTS WITH NEW ORLEANS POLICE. END SUMMARY.

FYI: POLICE COMMENT: THE POLICE INVESTIGATORS WERE OF THE OPINION THAT MS. BENNETT TOLD THE TRUTH. IN THEIR OPINION, HIRIART WAS NOT PARTICULARLY COOPERATIVE AND DID NOT WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED.

THERE WERE NO CHARGES FILED AGAINST BENNETT. HIRIART WAS ORIGINALLY BOOKED ON CHARGES OF ATTEMPTED BREAKING AND ENTRY AND BURGLARY. THESE WERE DISMISSED UPON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HIS IDENTITY. ROGERS

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